Effect of changes in foreign exchange rate on Imports

1178. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRIMATi SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the imported items the prices of which would increase in the Indian market as a result of the recent changes in the rate of foreign exchange and to what extent; and

(b) what are the imported items falling in the essential consumption category, the prices of which are likely to go up as a result thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM). (a) and (b) The domestic market prices of imported items depends on a number of global factors such as international trading environment, supply and demand in international markets, movement in commodity prices and exchange rates of other currencies, etc as also on domestic factors such as general inflationary trends, demand and supply, quantum of import, distribution system, administered prices, subsidies and other economic factors including the recent changes in the rate of foreign exchange. In view of the above, it is difficult to precisely identify the impact of changes in the exchange rate of rupee on domestic prices of individual commodities, at this stage.

सतलुज नदी को साफ करने की योजना

@1179. श्री राम जेठ मलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :
क्या **पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 6 जुलाई, 1991 के "इन्डियन एक्सप्रैस" में "रुपीज 457 करोड़ प्लान फार क्लीनिंग सतलुज" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने पंजाब प्रशासन द्वारा भेजी गई इस परियोजना की जांच की है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस परियोजना को मंजूरी मिलने में हुए विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) यदि इस परियोजना का अभी तक अध्ययन नहीं किया गया है, तो सरकार इस संबंध में सभी प्रक्रियायें पूरी करके इस परियोजना को कब तक मूर्त रूप देने का विचार रखती है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा पंजाब सरकार से 457 करोड़ रुपए की लागत का एक प्रस्ताव, सतलुज नदी की सफाई के लिए प्राप्त किया गया है। सतलुज नदी की सफाई परियोजना पर, राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना को अन्तिम रूप दिए जाने के बाद कुछ प्रमुख नदियों के अन्य अभिनिर्धारित घोर प्रदूषित क्षेत्रों, के साथ, विचार किया जाएगा।

@पूर्वतः अतारांकित प्रश्न 920, 26 जुलाई, 1991 से स्थानान्तरित।

Appointment on Board of Directors of Nationalised Banks

1180. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether appointments have been done on the Board of Directors of all the Nationalised Banks: and

(b) whether representations have been given to those belonging to the

Scheduled Castes and the Schedule:! Tribes on these Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE' IN THE MINISTRY OF ' FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Board of Directors of the nationalised banks is . a continuing entity and vacancies of directors that arise are filled up from time to time. At present 99 non official directors are in position on the boards of nationalised. banks and . there are 81 vacancies. The Boards of Directors of 12 nationalised banks have one director each belonging to SCjST.

Cracks in STC building at Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi

1181. SHRI PRAKASH' YASHWANT AMBEDKAR; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased' to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation building at Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi has developed any crack on the first three floors;

(b) . if so, whether the building is still safe as office premises;

(c) what was the total cost of the building; and

(d) what action Government pro pose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. (IN-DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) Based on the review of the structural design of the building, M|s. Engineers India Ltd. and the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi had indicated the following defects which have since been rectified:—

(i) Some ribs on 2nd and 3rd floors were inadequately reinforced due to premature curtailment of bottom reinforcement;

(ii) Some of the main ribs on lower floors (Upper ground floor and First floor) were inadequately reinforced to carry shear around the cutouts for dues etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The total cost of the building excluding land cost as or. 31.3.91 works out to Rs. 28.99 crores. It does not include contingent liabilities' amounting to Rs. 7.56 crores under arbitration.

CBI inquiries against STC

1182. SHRI PRAKASH YASH WANT AMBEDKAR; Will the Minis ter of- COMMERCE ' be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of inquiries conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation against the State Trad ing Corporation from the year 1986 till date; and

(b) what is the number of in quiries that have been completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IN-DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) Ten.

(b) Nine.

Completion of Guru Gobind Singh Hospital, New Delhi

1183. SHRl SHIV PRATAP MISH RA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the 100 bed Guru Gobind Singh Hospital at Raghubir Nagar, New Delhi has been complet ed; and

(b) if not, What are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY.OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a)